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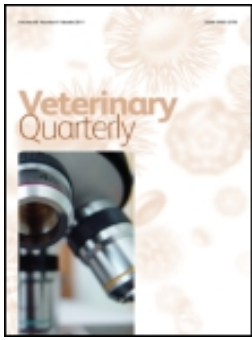
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EDITORIAL

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Dear reader,

Last year *Veterinary Quarterly* was relaunched by Taylor & Francis. The scope of the journal is focused on review articles and research in the field of animal diseases. Fully in line with this, the top five most downloaded articles dealt with gluten-dependent antibodies in horses with inflammatory small bowel disease (ISBD) (van der Kolk et al. 2012), canine idiopathic immune-mediated haemolytic anaemia (Piek 2011), bee health and disease (Formato and Smulders 2011), basal glucose metabolism and peripheral insulin sensitivity in equine pituitary pars intermedia dysfunction (Klinkhamer et al. 2011) and *Enterococcus hirae*-associated endocarditis outbreaks in broiler flocks (Velkers et al. 2011). Of note, all these papers were published in recent issues. As such, it can be concluded that you as a reader appreciate the scope of the journal.

Our readership is of utmost importance. Furthermore, impact factors have become widely adopted as the most authoritative measure of journal quality. They are viewed as a key metric by librarians, tenure and promotion committees, funding bodies, and of course researchers themselves (Cookson and Cross 2006). A healthy ranking in the top 25% of Veterinary Science titles is important in order to attract good manuscripts. It is a pleasure to inform you that the 2011 five-year impact factor (©2012 Thomson Reuters, 2011 Journal Citation Report®) of *Veterinary Quarterly* has even slightly increased from 1.500 to 1.667, thereby ranking *Veterinary Quarterly* 30/143 in the top 25% of Veterinary Sciences category again.

This achievement has been made possible by many people. I would like to thank the author's, the reviewer's and the Editorial team's excellent

achievements to date, backed by the professional team at Taylor & Francis.

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